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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : **Attn: Mail Stop Amendment**
 Tadashi SAO et al. :
 Serial No. 10/580,909 :
 Filed: May 30, 2006 :
 For: BRANCHING PIPE JOINT AND AN AIR
 CONDITIONER PROVIDED THEREWITH :

THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application:

No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS			SMALL ENTITY		OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY	
REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDIT. FEE	RATE	ADDIT. FEE
TOTAL 15	- 20	= 0	x 25 = \$		x 50 = \$	
INDEP 2	- 3	= 0	x 105 = \$		x 210 = \$	
[] 1ST PRESENTATION OF MULT. DEP. CLAIM			+ 185 = \$		+ 370 = \$	
			TOTAL \$		TOTAL \$	

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the April 21, 2008 Office Action, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper. Claims 1-15 are pending, with claims 1 and 15 being the only independent claims.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.